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SUBJECT: MR GEORGE THOMAS' REMARKS IN CARDIFF

HERE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IS TEXT OF REMARKS BY
MR GEORGE THOMAS, M.P. - DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS - AT CARDIFF DINNER MARCH 6, ON BEING GIVEN
FREEDOM OF CITY AWARD.

BEGIN TEXT:

MY LORD MAYOR, LORD LIEUTENANT, MR RECORDER, DR KISSINGER,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES, MR SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES, MY
LORD BISHOP, MR PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE,
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

WE HAVE HEARD A MASTERLY ADDRESS FROM JIM - IT'S AMAZING
THE PROGRESS IN THIRTY YEARS: MY, HE LET HIS GUARD DROO
WHEN HE SAID HE LISTENED TO ALASTAIR COOKE EARLY ON
SUNDAY MORNING - THE MAN IS ON AT NINE O'CLOCK:

MY LORD MAYOR, MY HEART HAS BEEN VERY FULL TODAY, AND
YOU ALL KNOW IT. NOONE COULD BUT BE A STONE IF HE WERE
NOT MOVED BY THE AFFECTION OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, AND JIM
AND I FEEL THAT OUR CUP IS OVERFLOWING. CARDIFF HAS OUT
ON A CAPITAL OCCASION, OF WHICH WE, AT LEAST, FEEL DEEPLY
PROUD.

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SIR, YOU MY LORD MAYOR, REMINDED OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM AMERICA OF THE MANY TIES BETWEEN OUR NEOPLE. SOMETIMES I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLAIM GEORGE WASHINGTON HIMSELF (AS WELSH) BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN WHO COULD NOT TELL A LIE. IT REMINDS ME OF THE WELSH. AND THAT I HOPE IS ENOUGH ANSWER TO THE MAN WHO WAS FOOLISH ENOUGH TO USE THE EXPRESSION "TO WELSH".

I OUGHT TO WARN OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO BE CAREFUL WITH JIM - AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY. WHEN HE COMPLETES THE RENEGOTIATION OF TERMS FOR US TO ENTER THE COMMON MARKET, HE WILL TURN HIS ATTENTION TO THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS OF INDEPENDENCE. I MUST SAY THAT WAS A BAD SETTLEMENT FOR US. I THINK IT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW ABOUT THE OIL IN TEXAS.

SIR, JIM CALLAGHAN, SPEAKING AS HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAS ABLE TO PAINT A BROAD PICTURE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING HUMANITY TODAY. AND WE BELIEVE, DR KISSINGER, THAT OUR JIM IS A PEACE-MAKER AS WELL. AND WE ARE VERY PROUD IN THIS CITY THAT ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAS BECOME A GREAT FIGURE ON THE WORLD SCENE. HE HAS BROUGHT CREDIT BOTH TO HIMSELF AND TO THE PRINCIPALITY WHICH HE SERVES.

LIKE YOU, I WAIT TO HEAR OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST, BUT I WANT TO SAY THIS. SIR, I WAS BORN IN SOUTH WALES. I WAS NURTURED IN THE RHONDDA VALLEY, AND I HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GREAT CITY OF CARDIFF. I COUNT MY BLESSINGS. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME AND I KNOW IT. IT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TODAY AND THROUGH THE THIRTY YEARS. DR KISSINGER, WALES IS A SMALL COUNTRY, BUT IT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF MANKIND OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE. WE ARE PROUD TO SING OF THE "LAND OF OUR FATHERS" BECAUSE OUR FATHERS WERE MEN OF FAITH, MEN OF CHARACTER, AND MEN OF STRENGTH. AND I PRAY THAT WE MAY EVER HAVE WITHIN THIS CITY MEN AND WOMEN WITH A VISION GREATER THAN OUR OWN NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, REACHING OUT TO BREAK DOWN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BARRIERS WHICH DIVIDE THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TODAY.

AND SO I JOIN WITH JIM IN WISHING GOD'S BLESSING ON DR KISSINGER FOR THE HOPES OF HUMANITY REST WITH YOU - AN AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY. GOD HAS USED YOU MIGHTILY IN RECENT YEARS, AND MAY YOU BE USED EVEN GREATER IN YEARS TO COME. END TEXT.
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